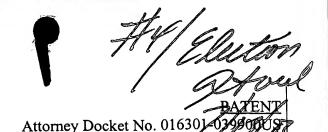


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In the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, the Examiner restricts the claims into two Groups, Group I (claims 1-15) and Group II (claims 16-23).

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to apparatus, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

An Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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